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SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 29 day of October, 2013.

A. Thomas Small

United States Bankruptcy Court Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON DIVISION

In the Matter of: WILLIAM M. SOOTS, JR. **Debtor**

Chapter 11

Case No.: 13-00286-8-ATS

Order Confirming Plan

The Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code filed by the Debtor on April 15, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as, the "Plan"), and having been transmitted to creditors with the Disclosure Statement, and a Hearing on Confirmation of the Plan having been conducted in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 11, 2013; and

The Court having considered the evidence presented at the hearing, the record of the case, the arguments of counsel for the Debtor and the Bankruptcy Administrator; and being advised as to the acceptance of five of the eight named Classes of the Plan with no ballot being filed by First Citizens Bank in Class 5 and Class 2 and Class 3 being unimpaired;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- The Plan and the proponent comply with all requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a), with the exception of § 1129(a)(8). The Plan complies with all requirements of 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b).
- The Plan does not discriminate unfairly and is fair and equitable with respect to the Class 5 claim of First Citizens Bank pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b)(2)(A)(i).
 - 3. The Plan is feasible pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(11).
- The Amended Disclosure Statement complies with all requirements of the Bankruptcy Code.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The Disclosure Statement is APPROVED. 1.

- 2. The Plan is CONFIRMED. A final version of the Confirmed Plan Treatments, which incorporates all modifications and oral amendments made at the hearing on confirmation of the Plan, is attached to this Order as Exhibit A.
- 3. To the extent any language in the Plan is inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, the provisions of this Order shall govern.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided under the terms of the Plan as modified in this Order, all objections to claims, including requests for costs and expenses under § 506(b), fee applications, and adversary proceedings will be filed with the Court within sixty days of the Effective Date, which shall be fourteen (14) days from the date of the entry of this Order.
- 5. The Debtor shall file Post-Confirmation Reports with the Clerk of Court pursuant to § 1106(a)(7) with a copy served upon the Bankruptcy Administrator. The first report shall be due on the earliest of December 31, March 31, June 30 or September 30 in the calendar year in which this Plan is confirmed. The Debtor shall file subsequent reports at the end of every succeeding quarter (December 31, March 31, June 30, or September 30), until the Plan is substantially consummated. Quarterly Reports shall reflect any progress made in consummating the Plan during the period covered by the report. Post-Confirmation Reports shall be filed in the format prescribed by the Bankruptcy Administrator. The Debtor will continue paying the quarterly fee to the United States Bankruptcy Court until the Motion for Final Decree is filed.
- 6. Within thirty days of substantial consummation of the Plan, as defined by § 1101(2) and as otherwise provided under the terms of the Plan as modified in this Order, the Debtor shall file a final report, in a format prescribed by the Bankruptcy Administrator, reflecting the payments made for all costs of administration and each class of creditors, and a motion for the entry of a Final Decree pursuant to FED. R. BANKR. P. 3022.
- 7. The Debtor shall pay to the Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court, the sum of \$0.00 for court costs.
- 8. The Debtor shall serve a copy of this Order on all creditors within five days of the entry of this Order and promptly file a Certificate of Service with the Clerk.

EXHIBIT "A"

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON DIVISION

In the Matter of: WILLIAM M. SOOTS, JR. Debtor

CONFIRMED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

Chapter 11

Case No.: 13-00286-8-JRL

Pursuant to the provisions of § 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 1123), William M. Soots, Jr. ("Debtor") hereby submits the following Plan of Reorganization ("Plan"):

I. SUMMARY OF PLAN

The Plan contemplates a reorganization of the Debtor's debts. In accordance with the Plan, the Debtor intends to satisfy certain creditor claims from rental income generated from real estate assets and through income generated from the operation of a related entity, The Master Craftsman, Inc.

The Debtor's Plan is based on their belief that the interests of his creditors will be best served if he is allowed to reorganize his debts as described herein.

II. DEFINITIONS

- 1. "ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM" shall mean any Claim entitled to priority under § 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. "ALLOWED" shall mean (a) any Claim against the Debtor, proof of which was timely filed or by order of the Bankruptcy Court was not required to be filed; or (b) any Claim that has been listed in the Schedules as liquidated in amount and not disputed or contingent; and in each such case in (a) or (b) above, as to which either (1) no objection to the allowance thereof or other similar pleading has been filed within the applicable period set forth, or (2) an objection or other similar pleading has been filed and the Claim has been allowed by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, but only to the extent so allowed.
- 3. "AVAILABLE CASH" shall mean the total cash available for distribution on the Effective Date.
- 4. "BANKRUPTCY CODE" shall mean the United States Bankruptcy Code, Title II of the United States Code, as enacted in 1978 and thereafter amended. References to "\sum_" herein shall refer to a section of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. \sum_101, et seq.
- 5. "BANKRUPTCY RULES" shall mean the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as amended from time to time, as applicable to Chapter 11 cases.
 - 6. "CLAIM" shall mean a duly listed or a timely filed claim which is allowed in

order to be paid by the Court.

- 7. "CLASS" shall mean any one of the Classes of Claims or Interests designated in Article III of the Plan.
- 8. "CONFIRMATION DATE" shall mean the date of entry by the Court of an order confirming the Plan at or after a hearing pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1129.
- 9. "CONFIRMATION HEARING" shall mean the hearing conducted by the Court regarding confirmation of the Plan pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1129.
- 10. "CONFIRMATION ORDER" shall mean the order of the Court confirming the Plan.
- 11. "COURT" shall mean the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, including the United States Bankruptcy Judge presiding in the Chapter 11 case of the Debtor.
- 12. "CREDITORS" shall mean all creditors of the Debtor holding claims for unsecured debts, liabilities, demand or claims of any character whatsoever.
 - 13. "DEBTOR" shall mean the Debtor identified on the first page of this Plan.
- 14. "DISBURSING AGENT" shall mean the Debtor, or that person selected by the Court who shall perform the duties and have the rights and obligations described herein.
- 15. "DISCLOSURE STATEMENT" shall mean the Disclosure Statement describing this Plan prepared in accordance with § 1125 and approved by order of the Bankruptcy Court, to be distributed to the holders of claims whose votes with respect to this Plan are to be solicited.
- 16. "DISPUTED CLAIM" shall mean any claim (a) that is scheduled by the Debtor as disputed, contingent or unliquidated, or (b) that is scheduled by the Debtor, or proof of which has been filed with the Bankruptcy Court and with respect to which a timely objection to allowance, in whole or in part, has been filed and which objections have not been (i) withdrawn or settled, or (ii) determined by a Final Order.
- 17. "DISTRIBUTION DATE" shall mean the date on which distributions are to be made under the Debtor's Plan.
- 18. "EFFECTIVE DATE" shall be that date on which the Order Confirming Plan becomes final and non-appealable.
- 19. "FINAL DECREE" shall mean the order of this Court pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3022 closing this case.
- 20. "FINAL ORDER" shall mean an order of the Court that has been entered and either (a) the time for appeal from such entered order has expires; or (b) any appeal that has been timely filed has been dismissed or otherwise finally determined.

- 21. "GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIM" shall mean any claim, whether or not liquidated or contingent, other than a priority claim, administrative claim, or secured claim.
- 22. "IMPAIRED" classes of creditors are those whose claims or interests are altered by the Plan, or who will not receive under the Plan the allowed amount of their claims in cash as of the "Effective Date" (as defined in the Plan).
- 23. "PETITION DATE" shall mean the date upon which the Debtor filed this voluntary Chapter 11 petition.
- 24. "PLAN" shall mean this Plan of Reorganization in its present form or as it may be amended or modified.
- 25. "PRIORITY CLAIM" shall mean any claim to the extent entitled to priority in payment under § 507.
- 26. "PRO-RATA" shall mean the amount of cash or property to be paid or distributed to a claimant with respect to an Allowed Claim on a particular date, in accordance with the ratio, as of such date, of the dollar amount of the Allowed Claim of such person in the indicated class to the aggregate dollar amount of Claims in the indicated class (including, in each such calculation, the full amount of Disputed Claims in the class which have been asserted or are otherwise pending and which have not yet been allowed or otherwise disposed of).
- 27. "SECURED CREDITORS" shall mean all creditors who hold a lien, security interest or any other encumbrances which have been properly perfected as required by law with respect to property owned by the Debtor, to the extent of the value of the collateral.
- 28. "SUBSTANTIAL CONSUMMATION" shall mean the time the reorganized Debtor has commenced the distribution of initial Plan payments to all creditor classes.
- 29. "TAX CLAIM" shall mean any claim entitled to priority in treatment pursuant to § 507(a)(8).

III. CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLASSES OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

The Debtor classifies the following classes of claims, indicating whether said class is impaired or unimpaired, and proposes the following treatment:

A. Class 1 - Administrative Costs:

(1) <u>Description of Class</u>. Class 1 consists of claims for any cost or expense of administration pursuant to §§ 503, 506, and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The following claims of professionals will be paid subject to Court approval:

Oliver Friesen Cheek, PLLC Attorney for the Debtor To be determined by Court

McIntyre, Paradis, Wood & Company, CPAs, PLLC

To be determined by Court

- (2) Impairment. This class will be impaired.
- (3) <u>Treatment</u>. Administrative costs and expenses approved by the Court shall be paid in cash and in full including accruals to date of payment within ten days from the Effective Date of the Plan.

In the event that funds are not available to pay such costs and expenses within ten (10) days of the Effective Date of the Plan, then each holder of such a claim will receive payments from the Debtor until paid in full. Such claims remaining unpaid ten days following the Effective Date shall accrue interest at a rate of eight percent (8%) per annum.

B. <u>Class 2 – Ad Valorem Taxes:</u>

(1) <u>Description of Class.</u> Class 2 consists of claims for taxes owed by the Debtor to any city, county, or other municipality or taxing entity entitled to tax the property of the Debtor based upon the value of the property assessed. The Debtor is aware of the following claim in this class:

Brunswick County Tax Collector \$10,915.34 Claim No. 13

Town of Oak Island \$1,561.86

- (2) <u>Impairment</u>. This class will be unimpaired.
- (3) <u>Treatment.</u> If claims are filed and not objected to by the Debtor, the Debtor proposes to pay the claims in this class in equal monthly payments over a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date. Monthly payments shall commence on the fifteenth day of the first full month following the Effective Date, and shall include annual interest at the statutory rate established for Brunswick County and the Town of Oak Island.

C. <u>Class 3 – Town of Oak Island Sewer Assessment:</u>

(1) <u>Description of Class.</u> Class 3 consists of claims for owed by the Debtor to the Town of Oak Island for a sewer assessment fee of \$4,200.00 for each parcel of real property owned by the Debtor. The Debtor is aware of the following claim in this class:

Town of Oak Island \$28,041.21

- (2) Impairment. This class will be impaired.
- (3) Treatment. The Debtor proposes to pay the claims in this class in equal annual payments over a period of ten (10) years from the Effective Date. Monthly payments shall commence on the fifteenth day of the first full year following the Effective Date and shall include interest at the rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%). For feasibility purposes the Debtor estimates that each annual payment will be \$3,720.16. A portion of this claim may also be satisfied through the sale of real property if any of the Debtor's real property is sold.

D. Class 4 – Tax Claims:

(1) <u>Description of Class</u>. Class 4 consists of claims against the Debtor for income taxes, withholding taxes, unemployment taxes and/or any and all other taxes levied or entitled to be levied against the Debtor by the Internal Revenue Service or the North Carolina Department of Revenue plus interest as allowed by law. The Debtor is aware of the following claim in this Class:

Internal Revenue Service No Claim Expected N.C. Dept. of Revenue No Claim Expected

- (2) <u>Impairment</u>. This class will be unimpaired.
- (3) <u>Treatment</u>. If claims are filed and not objected to by the Debtor, the Debtor proposes the following treatment:

Costs and expenses of administration, if any, shall be paid in cash and in full including accruals to date of payment within thirty (30) days from the Effective Date.

Unsecured priority tax claims, if any, described in § 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code described in § 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be paid in full with monthly payments over a period of five (5) years from the Date of the Order of Relief. Monthly payments shall commence on the fifteenth day of the first full month following the Effective Date, and shall include annual interest at the rate of four percent (4%) per annum. The Debtor does not anticipate that any such claims will be filed.

Secured claimants, if any, shall retain their secured interest in the property of the Debtor. The taxing authority shall retain its lien and secured status as to the underlying secured tax liability, plus accruing interest at the statutory rate, currently four percent (4%) per annum, from the Effective Date. Debtor shall pay these claims over a period not to exceed five (5) years from the Effective Date beginning on the twenty-fifth day of the first full month following ninety (90) days after the Effective Date. *The Debtor does not anticipate that any such claims will be filed*.

Unsecured general tax claims, if any, will be treated as provided below in the section relating to "General Unsecured Claims." *The Debtor does not anticipate that any such claims will be filed.*

E. Class 5 – First Citizens Bank ("First Citizens"):

- (1) Description of Class. The Debtor is aware of the following claims:
- a. Account ending in 9162. On or about April 27, 2007, Master Craftsman, Inc. executed a Promissory Note, Loan Agreement (Future Advance), and Corporate Resolution to Borrow/Grant Collateral/Subordinate Debt (collectively referred to as the "Loan Documents") whereby First Citizens agreed to lend the Master Craftsman, Inc. funds in the original principal amount of \$50,000.00. Accompanying the Loan Documents was a Commercial Guaranty executed by the Debtor on or about April 27, 2007. A Note Modification Agreement was executed by Master Craftsman, Inc. on or about July 14, 2009 and accompanied

by a Deed of Trust executed by the Debtor which is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2953, Page 1145 and purports to grant First Citizens a first priority lien on the Debtor's real property commonly known as 3768 Heron Circle, Oak Island, North Carolina. First Citizens filed Claim No. 6, in the amount of \$16,592.63. In Claim No. 6, First Citizens listed the value of 3768 Heron Circle at \$17,250.00.

- b. Account ending in 7992. On or about June 28, 2007, Master Craftsman, Inc. executed a Promissory Note and Corporate Resolution to Borrow/Grant Collateral/Subordinate Debt (collectively referred to as the "Loan Documents") whereby First Citizens agreed to lend a related entity owned by the Debtor, the Master Craftsman, Inc. funds in the original principal amount of \$430,000.00. Accompanying the Loan Documents was a Commercial Guaranty executed by the Debtor on or about June 28, 2007. A Note Modification Agreement was executed by Master Craftsman, Inc. on or about September 14, 2012 and accompanied by a Deed of Trust which is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2633, Page 0585 and purports to grant First Citizens a first priority lien on the real property commonly known as 4819 Port Loop Road, Southport, North Carolina. The real property located at 4819 Port Loop Road is owned by the Master Craftsman, Inc. First Citizens filed Claim No. 5, in the amount of \$380,434.83.
 - (2) Impairment. This class will be impaired.
 - (3) <u>Treatment</u>. The Debtor proposes the following:
- a. Account ending in 9162. The Debtor will treat this claim as a secured obligation of the Debtor in an amount equal to First Citizens' claim. The Debtor will surrender the collateral securing the claim of First Citizens for a credit equal to the amount of First Citizen's claim, in full satisfaction of its claim. First Citizens shall not be entitled to any deficiency claim. If First Citizens fails to foreclose on the collateral within ninety (90) days, the Debtor shall transmit a deed in lieu of foreclosure to First Citizens, and bears no further responsibility for ongoing expenses related to the collateral.
- b. Account ending in 7992. The Master Craftsman, Inc. will continue to make payments as contractually due under the Loan Documents and Note Modification Agreement to First Citizens. No payments will be made by the Debtor under the Plan of Reorganization. If The Master Craftsman, Inc. defaults in its obligation to First Citizens and First Citizens exercises its state law remedies and forecloses on its collateral, First Citizens shall have the right to file a deficiency claim in the Debtor's bankruptcy case, which claim shall be treated as a general unsecured claim. First Citizens filed claim No. 5 as a secured claim. The Debtor will object to the classification of this claim as secured because the Debtor does not own the real property securing the underlying obligation.

F. Class 6 – Security Savings Bank ("Security Savings"):

(1) <u>Description of Class</u>. On or about January 14, 2004, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust in favor of Security Savings securing a Promissory Note whereby Security Savings agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$193,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 1884, Page 1106 and purports to grant Security Savings a first priority lien on the Debtor's real property commonly

known as 205 NE 60th Street, Oak Island, North Carolina and 114 NE 28th Street, Oak Island, North Carolina. Security Savings filed Claim No. 4, in the amount of \$155,262.97.

- (2) <u>Impairment</u>. This class will be impaired.
- (3) <u>Treatment</u>.
 - a. SSB's claim shall be treated as follows:
 - i. SSB has a fully secured claim. SSB's claim is represented by Claim 4 filed in this case and amendments thereto.
 - ii. The amount of the secured claim is approximately \$168,761.16 as of May 20, 2013, subject to adjustment up or down based on \$506(b) items.
 - iii. SSB's claim shall be paid in full on the following terms:
 - (i) Fifty nine equal consecutive monthly payments beginning on July 15, 2013, said payments based on a twenty year amortization.
 - (ii) Interest at five percent (5%) per annum on the outstanding balance.
 - (iii) One final balloon payment on the sixtieth month for the entire remaining principal and interest due at that time.
 - iv. SSB shall retain its liens against all collateral pursuant to its Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, and other loan security agreements and other documents related to the loan (the "Loan Documents").
 - v. All remaining terms and conditions of the Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, and other Loan Documents between the debtor and SSB not modified herein as a part of the debtor's confirmed Plan shall remain in full force and effect.
 - vi. It shall not be necessary for the debtor to sign loan modification documents to preserve SSB's liens securing the loan as restructured by the confirmed plan; however, the debtor shall sign a loan modification agreement and/or modified deed of trust reflecting the restructured loan terms if requested by SSB.
- b. The term "distributions" used in the debtor's Plan and Disclosure Statement shall not include payments to SSB in connection with SSB's secured claim.
- c. Language in the debtor's Plan and Disclosure Statement that attempted "distributions" will be forfeited if not claimed within ninety days shall not apply to SSB's secured claim.
- d. SSB shall not be required to file a separate motion with the bankruptcy court to determine the allowable amount of SSB's §506(b) items. SSB's post-petition interest and all attorney's fees, costs and charges allowable under 506(b) in connection with its fully secured

claim will be reflected on an amended claim or claims filed by SSB in this case, to which the debtor can object if it deems appropriate.

- e. The provisions in the debtor's Plan and Disclosure Statement relating to notice and cure of a post-confirmation default shall not apply to SSB. The debtor and SSB shall be governed by the default provisions contained in the loan documents between the parties.
- f. Nothing in the debtor's Plan or Disclosure Statement shall entitle the debtor to direct how or where payments to SSB will be applied. Payments shall be applied by SSB according to the terms of the loan documents.
- g. The debtor shall not have the right to sell SSB's collateral free and clear of liens or to sell said collateral in any manner different from North Carolina law and the provisions of the loan documents.
- h. The provisions in the debtor's Disclosure Statement purporting to categorize statements in the Disclosure Statement as "settlement negotiations" and to limit SSB's future use of those statements shall not apply to SSB.
- i. The provisions in the debtor's Disclosure Statement purporting to make the Disclosure Statement inadmissible in any non-bankruptcy proceeding shall not apply to SSB.
- j. The statements in Article XIII, paragraph B of the debtor's Disclosure Statement attempting to enjoin or prohibit SSB from taking certain actions after confirmation shall not apply to SSB. Except as modified by the payment terms set forth above and the entry of the debtor's discharge under 1141, SSB retains all its rights provided for in the loan documents, whether against the debtor or non-debtor third parties, or otherwise.
- k. Nothing in the debtor's Plan or Disclosure Statement shall expand the bankruptcy court's post-confirmation jurisdiction or the debtor's post-confirmation rights beyond those provided by applicable statutory and case law concerning post-petition jurisdiction.

G. Class 7(a)(b)(d) – SunTrust Mortgage ("SunTrust"):

- (1) <u>Description of Class</u>. The Debtor is aware of the following claims:
- a. Account ending in 2996. On or about May 16, 2008, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust in favor of SunTrust securing a Promissory Note whereby SunTrust agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$185,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2792, Page 0809 and purports to grant SunTrust a first priority lien on the Debtor's real property commonly known as

120 NE 33rd Street, Oak Island, North Carolina. SunTrust filed Claim No. 8, in the amount of \$174,357.54.

- b. Account ending in 9205. On or about December 22, 2006, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust in favor of SunTrust securing an Adjustable Rate Note whereby SunTrust agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$440,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2531, Page 0828 and purports to grant SunTrust a first priority lien on the Debtor's real property commonly known as 301 West Yacht Drive, Oak Island, North Carolina. SunTrust filed Claim No. 9, in the amount of \$517,426.49.
- d. <u>Account ending in 5640</u>. On or about January 31, 2007, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust in favor of SunTrust securing an Access 3 Equity Line Account Agreement and Disclosure Statement whereby SunTrust agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$20,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2558, Page 1183 and purports to grant SunTrust a lien on the Debtor's real property commonly known as 6498 Rolling Run, Southport, North Carolina. Upon information and belief this claim has a value of \$1,975.02.
 - (2) Impairment. This class will be impaired.
 - (3) <u>Treatment</u>. The Debtor proposes the following:
- a. Account ending in 2996. The Debtor will treat the claim as a secured obligation of the Debtor in an amount equal to \$174,357.54, inclusive of pre-petition escrow amounts. SunTrust shall retain its lien with the priority thereof, as existed on the Petition Date pursuant to \$1129(b)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the Bankruptcy Code, until its claim is paid in full. The Debtor shall amortize this obligation over a period of 360 months with a fixed interest rate of five (5%) percent per annum. Monthly payments will begin on the 15th day of the first full month following the Effective Date of the Plan, and shall continue monthly until the debt is paid in full. The loan will remain escrowed for taxes and insurance. Except for the adjusted principal balance, interest rate, and new term, all other provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust remain in full force and effect. For feasibility purposes the Debtor estimates that each monthly payment will be \$935.99 (principal and interest).
- b. Account ending in 9205. The Debtor will treat the claim as a secured obligation of the Debtor in an amount equal to \$230,000.00, inclusive of pre-petition escrow amounts. The creditor shall retain its lien with the priority thereof, as existed on the Petition Date pursuant to \$1129(b)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the Bankruptcy Code, until its claim is paid in full. The Debtor shall amortize this obligation over a period of 360 months with a fixed interest rate of five (5%) percent per annum. Monthly payments will begin on the 15th day of the first full month following the Effective Date of the Plan, and shall continue monthly until the debt is paid in full. The loan will remain escrowed for taxes and insurance. Except for the adjusted principal balance, interest rate, and new term, all other provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust remain in full force and effect. For feasibility purposes the Debtor estimates that each monthly payment will be \$1,234.69 (principal and interest).
- d. Account ending in 5640. Because there is no equity to support the value of this claim as secured, the Debtor will treat this claim as a general unsecured creditor in

Class 8, below.

Class 7(c)(e) – Statebridge Company, LLC ("Statebridge"):

- (1) <u>Description of Class</u>. The Debtor is aware of the following claims:
- c. Account ending in 5602. On or about December 18, 2006, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust in favor of SunTrust securing a Promissory Note whereby SunTrust agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$255,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2527, Page 0115 and purports to grant SunTrust a first priority lien on the Debtor's real property commonly known as 6498 Rolling Run, Southport, North Carolina. Post-petition SunTrust assigned this claim to Statebridge Company, LLC. Statebridge filed Claim No. 14 in the amount of \$288,564.64.
- e. Account ending in 5593. On or about December 21, 2006, the Debtor and the Debtor's mother, Vada Tilley Soots executed a Deed of Trust in favor of SunTrust securing a Promissory Note whereby SunTrust agreed to lend the Debtor funds in the original principal amount of \$300,000.00. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds Office, Book 2527, Page 1069 and purports to grant SunTrust a first priority lien on the real property commonly known as 205 NE 61st Street, Oak Island, North Carolina, of which the Debtor holds a one-half (1/2) undivided interest. The other one-half (1/2) undivided interest is owned by the Debtor's mother, Vada Tilley Soots. Post-petition SunTrust assigned this claim to Statebridge Company, LLC. Statebridge filed Claim No. 15 in the amount of \$353,264.89.
 - (2) <u>Impairment</u>. This class will be impaired.
 - (3) <u>Treatment</u>. The Debtor proposes the following:
- c. Account Ending in 5602, 6498 Rolling Run SE. The Debtor will treat the claim as a secured obligation of the Debtor in an amount equal to \$250,000.00, inclusive of prepetition escrow amounts. The creditor shall retain its lien with the priority thereof, as existed on the Petition Date pursuant to \$1129(b)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the Bankruptcy Code, until its claim is paid in full. The Debtor shall amortize this obligation over a period of 360 months with a fixed interest rate of five and one-quarter (5.25%) percent per annum. Monthly payments to Statebridge Company, LLC will begin on the 15th day of the first full month following the Effective Date of the Plan, and shall continue monthly until the debt is paid in full. The loan will not be escrowed for taxes and insurance and debtor is responsible for the payment of taxes and insurance effective with the sums for those items due and payable in 2013 and all subsequent years. Except for the adjusted principal balance, interest rate, and new term, all other provisions of the Note and Deed of Trust remain in full force and effect. For feasibility purposes the Debtor estimates that each monthly payment will be \$1,380.51 (principal and interest).
- e. Account Ending in 5593, 205 NE 61st Street. Within fourteen (14) days of the entry of Order Confirming Plan, the Debtor shall tender to Statebridge Company, LLC a Deed in Lieu of foreclosure surrendering his interest in the collateral property known as 205 NE 61st Street, Oak Island, NC. This Deed in Lieu of foreclosure shall be accepted by Statebridge Company, LLC.

H. Class 8 - General Unsecured Claims:

- (1) <u>Description of Class</u>. This class consists of all allowed, undisputed, non-contingent, unsecured claims listed in the Debtor's Petition or as otherwise approved by the Court.
 - (2) <u>Impairment</u>. This class will be impaired.
- (3) Treatment. The approximate total of general unsecured claims based on claims filed or scheduled as of the date of the filing of this Plan is \$493,734.73. The Debtor proposes to pay the allowed, undisputed, non-contingent claims in this class an amount up to \$45,000.00 with monthly pro-rata payments over a period of ten (10) years from the Effective Date. Monthly payments will begin on the 15th day of the first full month following the Effective Date of the Plan and shall be paid from post-confirmation rental and business income and from the proceeds of the sale of debtor's real property, if any, and shall include annual interest at the rate of one and one half percent (1.5%) per annum. For feasibility purposes the Debtor estimates that each monthly payment will be \$404.06.

The Debtor may investigate and pursue avoidance actions pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 548. Any funds collected through such actions will be distributed in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code and Orders of this Court.

IV. TREATMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

The Debtor shall assume all leases in which the Debtor is the Lessor and/or Lessee and all operating agreements related to the Debtor's entities. Except as specified herein, all other contracts which exist between the Debtor and any individual or entity, whether such contract be in writing or oral, which have not heretofore been rejected or heretofore been approved by Orders of the Court are hereby specifically rejected; provided, however, that this provision is not intended to reject and does not reject any agreement for the renewal or the extension of any loan or funds, presently binding and in effect between the Debtor and any secured creditor.

V. MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND EXECUTION OF PLAN

- A. The Debtor proposes to make payments under the Plan from funds on hand and income derived from the continued operation of the Debtor's business activities.
 - B. <u>Deficiency Claims</u>. Each secured creditor who receives the collateral securing their obligation shall have ninety (90) days after the Effective Date to file a proof of claim for any deficiency or be forever barred from asserting any deficiency claim and such obligation shall be deemed paid in full. Such proof of claim shall include an itemization of the principal, interest, and other costs. Any such deficiency claim shall be treated in the unsecured creditor class (Class 7). In the event the Debtor obtains her Final Decree prior to the determination of any deficiency claim, such secured creditor shall inform the Disbursing Agent of such deficiency claim within the same time period. In such event, a proof of claim shall not be required, but the secured creditor shall provide notice of such deficiency claim to the Disbursing Agent in a writing containing the same information.

- C. Distributions under the Plan shall be made on the Distribution Date; provided however, that Court approved professionals may be paid as such fees and expenses are approved by the Court. Any distribution required to be made hereunder on a day other than a business day shall be made on the next succeeding business day.
- D. <u>De Minimis Distributions</u>. No distribution of less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be required to be made to any holder of an allowed unsecured claim. Instead, the Debtor shall have the option of retaining such funds to be distributed at the time of the final distribution in accordance with the Plan.
- E. <u>Unclaimed Property</u>. If any distribution remains unclaimed for a period of ninety (90) days after it has been delivered, or attempted to be delivered, such unclaimed property shall be forfeited by such holder of the claim and the Disbursing Agent shall not attempt to make any further distribution of such holder of the claim. Undistributed property shall be returned to the Debtor for distribution in accordance with the Plan.
- F. Preservation of Avoided Transactions for the Benefit of the Estate. All transactions avoided or otherwise set aside pursuant to §§ 544, 547, 548, and/or 549, if any, shall be preserved for the benefit of the Estate pursuant to § 551 and applicable case law. Funds received from such transactions shall be distributed to creditors according to the priorities of the Debtor and has since been avoided, the lien shall remain on the public record and shall remain an encumbrance upon the real property. However, all distributions made towards such deed of trust shall be distributed not the named beneficiary of such deed of trust, but shall instead be paid to the Disbursing Agent for distribution to creditors.
- G. The Debtor will execute and deliver all documentation to the Bankruptcy Court and to all parties in interest who are entitled to receive the same as required by the terms of the Plan and the Bankruptcy Code.
 - H. The Debtor shall take such other action as necessary to satisfy the other terms and requirements of the Plan and the Bankruptcy Code.
- I. Except as expressly stated in the Plan, or allowed by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, no interest, penalty, or late charge shall be allowed on any claim subsequent to the Petition Date, unless otherwise required by the Code. No attorney's fees or expenses shall be paid with respect to any claim except as specified herein or as allowed by a Final Order of the Court.
- J. Confirmation of this plan shall constitute a finding that the Debtor does not waive, release, or discharge, but rather retains and reserves any and all pre-petition claims and any and all post-petition claims that it could or might assert against any party or entity arising under or otherwise related to any state or federal statute, state or federal common law, and any and all violations arising out of rights or claims provided for by Title 11 of the United States Code, by the FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE, or by the Local Rules of this Court, including all rights to assert and pursue any and all avoidance actions, preference actions, and any other actions pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§545, 546, 547, 548, and 550, except to the extent such avoidance actions, preference actions, or other actions were assigned to a creditor(s) as part of the Debtor' Plan. Further, the Debtor retains all rights to assert and pursue all claims under 11

- U.S.C. §542, including without limitation actions to seek turnover of estate assets, actions to recover accounts receivable, and/or actions to invalidate setoffs.
- K. Administrative claims unpaid on the Effective Date will be paid from funds on hand or as the parties otherwise agree.
- L. All objections to claims, fee applications, and adversary proceedings will be filed with the Court within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date; provided however, that the Debtor retains the right to object or otherwise pursue any claims against secured creditors relating to the payoff and/or satisfaction of their secured claims.
- M. Revocation of Plan. The Debtor has reserved the right to revoke and withdraw this Plan before the entry of the Confirmation Order. If the Debtor revokes or withdraws this Plan, or if confirmation of this Plan does not occur, then, with respect to the Debtor, this Plan shall be deemed null and void and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver or release of any Claims by or against the Debtor, as the case may be, or any other Person or to prejudice in any manner the rights of such Debtor, as the case may be, or Person in any further proceedings involving such Debtor.
- N. <u>Exemption from stamp tax or transfer tax.</u> Any transfers done pursuant to the confirmed Plan shall not be subject to any stamp tax or similar tax, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1146.

VI. SIMILAR TREATMENT FOR EACH CLAIM WITHIN A CLASS

The claims stated herein, by modification, Court Order, or other legally appropriate manner, may be modified throughout the course of payment under this Plan. The Debtor, upon full payment as called for under the notes and deeds of trust, shall be entitled to have the note marked paid and satisfied and the deed of trust canceled as a matter of record, by the Trustee, or by appropriate application to this Bankruptcy Court, and upon a showing that the full amount of the monthly payments were made by the Debtor.

VII. PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS

- A. <u>Delivery of Distributions in General</u>. Distributions to holders of allowed claims shall be made: (i) at the addresses set forth in the proofs of claim filed by such holders; (ii) at the addresses set forth in any written notices of address change submitted to the Court or Attorney for the Debtor after the date on which any related proof of claim was filed; or, if the information described in clauses (i) or (ii) is not available, (iii) at the addresses reflected in the Debtor's schedules of liabilities.
- B. <u>Distribution Dates</u>. It is the intent of this Plan that the distribution shall occur as early as practicable following the Effective Date.
- C. <u>Cure Period</u>. The failure by the Debtor to timely perform any term, provision or covenant contained in this Plan shall not constitute an Event of Default unless and until the Debtor has been given thirty (30) days written notice of the alleged default and provided an opportunity to cure. Until the expiration of the thirty (30) day cure period, the Debtor shall not be deemed to be in default, and any performance or actions taken during such thirty (30) day

cure period shall be considered timely for all purposes. Such written notice pursuant to the Plan provisions and the passage of the thirty (30) day cure period shall constitute conditions precedent to bringing or filing any contested action by any person to enforce any right granted under this Plan.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF PLAN; EFFECT OF REJECTION BY AN IMPAIRED CLASS

- A. <u>Each Impaired Class Entitled to Vote Separately</u>. Each impaired class of claims shall be entitled to have the holders of claims therein vote separately as a class to accept or reject the Plan.
- B. Acceptance by a Class of Creditors. Consistent with § 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as provided in § 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, a class of claims shall have accepted the Plan if the Plan is accepted by holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of the allowed claims of that class that have timely and properly voted to accept or reject the Plan.
- C. <u>Claimants Entitled to Vote</u>. Holders of impaired claims shall be entitled to vote if:
 - (1) Such claim has been filed against the Debtor in a liquidated amount or has been listed on the Debtor's schedules other than as contingent, unliquidated or disputed, and as to which no proof of claim has been filed. The claim shall be allowed solely for the purpose of voting on the Plan in the amount in which such claim has been filed or listed on the Debtor's schedules;
 - (2) Such claim has been filed against the Debtor or listed on the Debtor's schedules and is the subject of an existing objection filed by the Debtor, and is temporarily allowed for voting purposes by order of the Court in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3018;
 - (3) Such claim has been filed in an undetermined amount, in which case the creditor shall not be entitled to vote unless the Debtor and the holder of the claim agree on an amount for voting purposes or the Court enters an order setting the amount of the claim that the creditor may ballot.
 - (4) Any entity holding two or more duplicate claims shall be entitled to vote only one claim.
- D. <u>Confirmation Hearing</u>. The Court will set a hearing on the confirmation of the Plan to determine whether the Plan has been accepted by the requisite number of creditors and whether the other requirements for confirmation of the Plan have been satisfied.
- E. Acceptances Necessary to Confirm the Plan. At the hearing of confirmation of the Plan, the Court shall determine, among other things, whether the Plan has been accepted by each impaired class. Under § 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, an impaired class of Creditors is deemed to accept the Plan if at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number vote to accept the Plan. Further, unless there is unanimous acceptance of the Plan by an impaired class, the Court must also determine that class members will receive property with a

value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount that such class member would receive or retain if the Debtor was liquidated as of the Effective Date of the Plan under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

F. <u>Confirmation of Plan Without Necessary Acceptances</u>. The Bankruptcy Code provides that the Plan may be confirmed even if it is not accepted by all impaired Classes. In order to be confirmed without the requisite number of acceptances of each impaired class, the Court must find that at least one impaired class has accepted the Plan without regard to the acceptances of insiders, and the Plan does not discriminate unfairly against, and is otherwise fair and equitable, to such impaired class. In the event that any class votes against the plan, the Debtor hereby requests and moves the Court under the provisions of this Plan outlined in Section IX herein, for confirmation pursuant to the "cramdown" provisions of § 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. In connection therewith, the Debtor shall be allowed to modify the proposed treatment of the allowed claims in any class that votes against the Plan consistent with § 1129(b)(2)(A).

IX. "CRAMDOWN" FOR IMPAIRED CREDITORS NOT ACCEPTING THE PLAN

In respect to any class of creditors impaired but not accepting the Plan by the requisite majority in number or two-thirds in amount, the proponent of this Plan requests the Court to find that the Plan does not discriminate unfairly and is fair and equitable in respect to each class of claims or interests that are impaired under the Plan and that the Court confirm the Plan without such acceptances by the said impaired classes. The Debtor will also request that the Court establish a value for any assets, the value of which is in dispute between the Debtor and any secured creditor, at a valuation hearing under § 506 of the Bankruptcy Code, to be scheduled at the same time as the hearing on confirmation of the Plan.

X. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION

- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the confirmation of the Plan vests all of the property of the estate in the Debtor.
- B. <u>Injunction</u>. As of the Confirmation Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all persons that have held, currently hold, or may hold a claim, equity interest, or other debt or liability that is treated pursuant to the terms of the Plan or that is otherwise enjoined pursuant to § 1141 of the Code, are enjoined from taking any of the following actions on account of any such claims, equity interests, debts or liabilities, other than actions brought to enforce obligations under the Plan: (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree or order; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any lien or encumbrance; (iv) asserting a setoff or right of recoupment of any kind against any debt, liability, or obligation; and/or (v) commencing or continuing, in any manner or in any place, any action that does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Plan or the Confirmation order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan does not release or waive any claims it may have against any party in interest.

- A. <u>Vehicles</u>. Upon the satisfaction or other discharge of a security interest in a motor vehicle, mobile home, or in any other property of this estate in bankruptcy for which the certificate of title is in the possession of the secured party, the secured party shall within ten (10) days after demand and, in any event, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the payment in full pursuant to the Plan, execute a release of its security interest on the said title or certificate, in the space provided therefore on the certificate or as the Division of Motor Vehicles prescribes, and mail or deliver the certificate and release to the Debtor. Confirmation of this Plan shall impose an affirmative and direct duty on each such secured party to comply with the provision. This provision shall be enforced in a proceeding filed before the Bankruptcy Court and each such creditor consents to such jurisdiction by failure to file any timely objection to this Plan. Such an enforcement proceeding may be filed by the Debtor in this case either before or after the closing of this case. The Debtor specifically reserves the right to file a motion to reopen this case under § 350 of Title 11 of the United States Code to pursue the rights and claims provided for herein.
- Real Property. Pursuant to N.C.Gen.Stat. § 45-36.9, upon the satisfaction or other discharge of a security interest in real property for which a creditor holds a properly secured mortgage, the secured party shall within thirty (30) days after demand or within thirty (30) days of payment in full pursuant to the Plan, submit for recording with the Office of the Register of Deeds for the applicable County a satisfaction of its security interest and mail or deliver the recorded satisfaction document or documents to the Debtor. The failure of any such party to comply with this section shall results in the imposition of statutory damages of \$1,000.00, actual damages, costs and legal fees as provided for by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 45-36.9(c). Confirmation of this Plan shall impose an affirmative and direct duty on each such secured party to comply with this provision. This provision shall be enforced in a proceeding filed before the Bankruptcy Court and each such creditor consents to such jurisdiction by failure to file any timely objection to this plan. Such an enforcement proceeding may be filed by the Debtor in this case either before or after the closing of this case. The Debtor specifically reserves the right to file a motion to reopen this case under § 350(b) of Title 11 of the United States Code to pursue the rights and claims provided for herein including all remedies for damages and attorney fees under applicable State and Federal statutes.

XII. APPLICATION OF PLAN PAYMENTS

- A. All payments made by the Debtor shall be applied as indicated in the respective treatment for each creditor, or if no such application of payments is specified, then payments shall be applied to principal and interest on a monthly basis according to the amortization schedule proposed for each creditor. In the event that a creditor is entitled to costs and/or attorneys fees post-petition under § 506(b) of the Code, such creditor must file an application in accordance with the Code and/or Bankruptcy Rules pertaining to approval of costs and/or attorney fees prior to such costs and/or attorneys fees becoming part of the creditor's allowed claim. Confirmation of the Plan shall impose an affirmative duty and legal obligation on the holders and/or the servicers of any claims secured by liens, mortgages and/or deeds of trust to apply payments in the manner set forth in the Plan in accordance with § 524(i).
- B. Confirmation of the plan shall impose a duty on the holders and/or servicers of claims secured by liens on real property to apply the payments received from the Debtor to the month in which they were made under the plan or directly by the Debtor, whether such payments are immediately applied to the loan or placed into some type of suspense account and to

otherwise comply with 11 U.S.C. § 524(i).

XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

The Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction of these proceedings pursuant to and for the purposes of §§ 105(a) and 1127 of the Code and for, without limitation, the following purposes, inter alia:

- 1. to determine any and all objections to the allowance of claims and/or interests;
- 2. to determine any and all applications for allowance of compensation for periods prior to or after the Confirmation Date;
- 3. to determine any and all applications pending on the Confirmation Date for the rejection and disaffirmance or assumption or assignment of executory contracts and the allowance of any claim resulting therefrom;
- 4. to determine all controversies and disputes arising under or in connection with the Plan;
- 5. to determine all applications, adversary proceedings and litigated matters pending on the Confirmation Date;
- 6. to effectuate payments under, and performance of, the provisions of the Plan, including, but not limited to, future sales of personal and real property retained by the Estate;
- 7. to determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be provided for in the confirmation order;
 - 8. to determine all disputes regarding property of the estate;
- 9. to establish and adjust procedures for the orderly administration of the estate;
- 10. to determine matters that are subject to proceedings duly removed to the Bankruptcy Court; and
 - 11. to replace the Debtor-in-Possession with a Trustee for good cause shown.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. <u>Survival of Terms</u>. The covenants, representations and agreements made in this Plan shall survive the Confirmation Date and the transactions contemplated herein.
- B. <u>Successors Bound</u>. This Plan shall on the Consummation Date be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective heirs, successors and assigns of the Debtor, and the holders of claims and interests.

- C. <u>Controlling Law</u>. This Plan shall be read and construed and take effect in all respects in accordance with the law as set forth in the United States Bankruptcy Code and the Rules promulgated thereunder.
- D. <u>Further Assurance</u>. If at any time, the Debtor shall consider, or be advised, that any further releases, assurances or documents are reasonably necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions hereof, and the transactions contemplated herein, the holders of claims and the holders of interest shall, upon reasonable request, execute and deliver any and all documents and assurances, and do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out fully the provisions hereof.
- E. <u>Incorporation of Disclosure</u>. All the terms and conditions of the Disclosure Statement are incorporated herein by reference.

XV. DISCHARGE

Upon completion of payments to Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8, the Debtor and the Estate will be discharged from all Claims and Liens which existed prior to confirmation of the Plan, with the exception of all Liens, payments and distributions expressly provided for in the Plan. The discharge will be fully effective against all Creditors regardless of whether they have voted to accept or reject the Plan and regardless of whether the Plan is confirmed by consent or by resort to the provisions of § 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. However, even though no discharge will be entered until all payments are completed, the Debtor will seek to have the case closed upon substantial consummation under § 1101(2). Further, the Debtor will seek to have the case automatically re-opened pursuant to § 350(b) without the payment of a fee, upon the filing and service on all creditors and the Bankruptcy Administrator, of a Notice of Completion of Plan Payments and Request for Entry of Discharge, allowing all parties twenty (20) days to file a response.

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